GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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BAN ON EXPORT OF MEAT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban meat export keeping in view the enviable position of Forex Reserves and also a demand by various organisations; and

(b) if so, by when the ban is likely to be imposed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : At present there is no proposal to ban export of meat. The ban on meat exports will have the following adverse effects:

i) Loss of foreign exchange earning to the tune of about Rs. 775 crores per annum.
ii) Loss of supplementary income to the farmers particularly to the producers of buffalo, sheep and goat.
iii) Unemployment to persons engaged in meat exports.
iv) Increase in the number of unproductive animals and the associated ill effects such as shortages of feed and fodder, increase in incidence of livestock diseases, social problems due to stray buffaloes and crop losses, increase in dead animals and consequent economic and environmental problems.
v) Adverse effect on associated industries like leather industry, bone and bone products industry, etc.